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HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 2005

A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO ACKNOWLEDGE MARRIAGE AS BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN.

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1 To the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, the union of man and woman in marriage has been recognized as
4 the foundation of society since the beginning of time; and

5 Whereas, marriage between one man and one woman substantially and
6 undeniably benefits the individuals involved, any children resulting from the
7 union and society at large; and

8 Whereas, the founders of our country decreed marriage between a man and
9 a woman to be "the highest and most blessed of relationships"; and

10 Whereas, nearly three-fourths of the states already have enacted laws
11 to define marriage as being only between a man and a woman and the federal
12 government enacted the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996; and

13 Whereas, seventeen states have adopted amendments to their
14 constitutions to protect the definition of marriage as being only between a
15 man and a woman; and

16 Whereas, the people of the State of Arizona view with growing concern
17 attempts to change the definition of marriage through judicial action,
18 including, most recently, rulings by the courts in Canada, the Commonwealth
19 of Massachusetts and the State of Washington; and

20 Whereas, in addition to simply stating that marriage in the United
21 States consists of the union of a male and a female, an amendment to the
22 Constitution of the United States ensures the democratic process by allowing
23 the states to establish their own policy in the area of marital benefits,
24 including privileges associated with marriage.

25 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
26 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

27 1. That, pursuant to article V of the Constitution of the United
28 States, the Congress of the United States propose an amendment to the
29 Constitution of the United States, to be ratified by the legislatures or by
30 conventions in three-fourths of the several states, stating that marriage in
31 the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman.

32 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy
33 of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
34 the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from
35 the State of Arizona.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE FEBRUARY 21, 2005.

PASSED BY THE SENATE APRIL 12, 2005.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 13, 2005.

Passed the House February 21, 20 05

by the following vote: 40 Ayes

19 Nays, 1 Not Voting

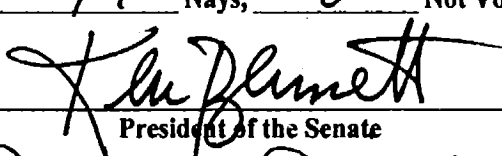

Speaker of the House

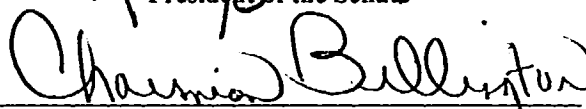

Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate April 12, 20 05

by the following vote: 16 Ayes

14 Nays, 0 Not Voting


President of the Senate


Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Memorial was received by the Secretary of State

H.C.M. 2005

this 13 day of April, 20 05

at 11:55 o'clock A. M.


Secretary of State